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SUBJECT: NATO INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY GROUP, SUBGROUP 8 (NIAG
(SG-8)) ON A NATO SECOND GENERATION ANTI-SHIP MISSILE

REFS: A. USNATO 7042

B. USNATO 7061

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BEGIN SUMMARY: MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF ADVISED MISSION THIS
DATE THAT SOME MEMBERS NIAG (SG-8) INTERPRET US NON-PARTICI-
PATION IN NIAG (SG-8) TEAM MEETINGS JANUARY 8-9, 1975 (SEE
PARA 2, REF A) AS INDICATING LACK OF US INTEREST AND SUPPORT.
NIAG (SG-8) WILL MEET IN PLENARY SESSION JANUARY 13, 1975.
ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE GUIDANCE REQUESTED A DECEMBER 20
IN PARA 2 OF REF A ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO ENSURE THAT US EUROPEAN
INDUSTRIALISTS WHO WILL ATTEND JANUARY 13 MEETING ARE THOROUGHLY
BRIEFED ON US POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. BY REF A MISSION REPORTED RESULTS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING OF NIAG (SG-8) ON A NATO SECOND GENERATION ANTI-SHIP
MISSILE HELD IN LONDON ON DECEMBER 17-18, 1974. REF B EXPRESSED
MISSION VIEW IN FAVOR OF FULL AND ENTHUSIASTIC US PARTICIPATION
IN THIS SUBGROUP.

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2. MISSION INDICATED IN PARA 2 OF REF A THAT DESIGNATED TEAMS
WOULD MEET BEFORE THE NEXT PLENARY NIAG (SG-8) MEETING IN BRUSSELS,
JANUARY 13, 1975. PROVISIONAL TEAM LEADERS HAVE, IN FACT, CALLED
MEETINGS OF TEAMS 1, 2, 3, AND 5 FOR JANUARY 8-9, 1975. MR.

WILSON (CURRENT US REPRESENTATIVE TO NIAG (SG-8)) INDICATES THAT NO US REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. REPORT QUOTED IN PARA 1 OF REF A INDICATED THAT US WOULD PARTICIPATE IN TEAMS 2, 3, AND 5.B.

3. A RELIABLE, PRO-US MEMBER OF THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF ADVISED MISSION OFFICER THIS DATE THAT CERTAIN NIAG (SG-8) MEMBERS HAVE INTERPRETED LACK OF US PARTICIPATION IN THESE PRELIMINARY TEAM MEETINGS TO INDICATE BACK-PEDALING ON THE PART OF US VIS-A-VIS BOTH STANDARDIZATION IN GENERAL AND SUPPORT OF THE NATO SECOND GENERATION ANTI-SHIP MISSILE PROGRAM IN PARTICULAR.

4. MR. T. WILSON (TELEDYNE), AND PERHAPS MR. R. CLARK (NORTHROP) AND OTHERS NOT KNOWN TO MISSION, WILL ATTEND THE NIAG (SG-8) PLENARY MEETING IN BRUSSELS, JANUARY 13, 1975. IN VIEW OF PARA 3 ABOVE, USNATO NOW NEEDS CLEAR AND AUTHORITATIVE GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON ON US PARTICIPATION IN NIAG (SG-8) FOR THE JANUARY 13, 1975, MEETING.
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